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SULPHONIC ACID FROM )  
ISOLATED 3,4-DIAMINOBEN- )  
ZENESULPHONIC ACID AND )  
USE THEREOF IN COSMETIC )  
PREPARATIONS )

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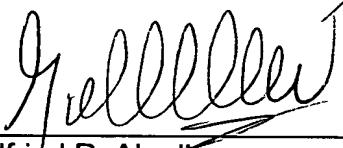
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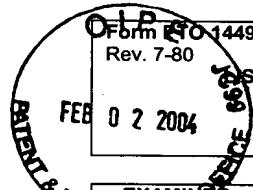
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